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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Thomas R. St. Myer  
Serial No. : 09/684,729  
Filing Date : October 6, 2000  
For : STEERING COLUMN WITH  
IMPROVED HOUSING  
Group Art Unit : 3682  
Examiner : T. McAnulty  
Attorney Docket No. : TRW(RG)4902  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 7, 2001,  
please amend the above-identified application, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 8, as follows:

1. (Amended) A vehicle steering column comprising:  
an axially extending input shaft for connecting to a  
vehicle steering wheel, the input shaft being rotatable about  
an axis upon rotation of the steering wheel;  
a housing at least partially enclosing the input

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